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Applicant: Ledden  
Application No.: 10/719,562                      Group Art Unit: 2859  
Filing Date: November 20, 2003              Examiner: Louis M. Arana  
Title: Methods for Transmit Excitation in Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Using a Transmit Pulse with Time Varying Spatial Characteristics  
  
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claims 1-11 remain in this application.

Argument

The § 102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Glover et al. The Examiner indicates that Glover discloses the use of a composite pulse for time reversal in MRI.

Glover discloses a traditional NMR system where sequences of transmit pulses generate RF transmit fields for spin excitation. The pulses can generate fields of differing amplitude and/or phase, but the spatial characteristics of the field do not change. In other words, if the phase or amplitude of the transmit field is changed, that change occurs uniformly over the entire transmit field. For example, if the amplitude and phase of two points in the transmit field are the same at a given time, they will always be the same.

Claims 1 and 10 of the present application require that the transmit system be capable of generating transmit fields with differing spatial characteristics. For example, if the amplitude and phase of two points in the transmit field are the same at a given time, they may be different at any other time.